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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your October 12, 2018, FOIA request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS), in which you requested records mentioning or generated as result of liaisons and contacts between CIA officials and the following State Department personnel Dr. Gene Bavis, Richard Dols, John Thro, Richard Massey, Dr. Stuart C. Scheer, Peter Bridges, Jack Button., Sam King, Clifford Hailey, John Becht, Nancy Lestina and Donald Stigers , and you requested a fee waiver.

The Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS) received your FOIA request on October 19, 2018. Your FOIA request was assigned the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request. We are granting your request for a fee waiver and have placed your request in the complex category.

This Office has adopted a first in/first out practice of processing all incoming requests. Your request has been placed in chronological order based on the date of receipt and will be handled as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the status of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison via email at FOIAstatus@state.gov or telephone at (202) 261-8484.

Sincerely,

KNR/for

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services